

## FROM WASHINGTON.

(Special Correspondence of the ALEX. GAZETTE.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 16, 1890.

The deficit in the revenue next year, owing to the immense pension expenditures, will, it is now estimated, be two hundred million, a greater sum than the whole government tax until the republican party got possession of the country. By a sneak, in order to reduce that deficit fifty million, the silver bill the republicans have passed covers the money held as a redemption fund for national bank notes into the general treasury fund, thus practically robbing a trust fund. But still, the republican party, according to the assertions of its leaders, is the high moral party of the country.

Though the talk about the national election bill has abated somewhat, the impression still prevails that President Harrison and the majority of the Senate republican caucus will force its passage before the close of the session. Under it there will be a supervisor who will receive \$300, and five deputies who will receive \$40 each, that is \$200, making \$500 for every election precinct. In Virginia there are 1,500 precincts, so that the government would pay \$750,000 election money to that State alone.

Congressman Waddill, of Richmond, says the committee, of whom he is one, appointed by the caucus of the southern republicans in the House to urge the Senate finance committee to reduce the tax on tobacco from 8 to 4 cents a pound, have not done so yet and will not until the tariff bill is taken up. They will do so then and, he says, he thinks they will be successful.

Senator Barbour and Representative Lee, at the request of Mr. A. J. Weddell, with that gentleman, called upon the Postmaster General to day and asked him to revoke his order abolishing the post office at "The Grange" in Fairfax county, Virginia, but Mr. Wamsaker told them he could not comply with their request as there was nothing to warrant compliance.

The resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to state to the Senate the amount due by the government to those States, of which Virginia is one, which advanced money to the government in the war of 1812, introduced in the Senate yesterday by Mr. Daniel, was, at the request of Mr. Daniel, called up in the Senate to-day by Mr. Dawes, and was adopted, after an amendment by Mr. Allison providing that the required statement need not be made until next December. The amendment was for the purpose of keeping an appropriation for refunding the money referred to out of any regular appropriation bill.

Congressman Breckinridge of Arkansas made his argument to-day before the House elections committee in his contested election case. He concluded it by saying that the committee, by depriving him of his seat, would only help him politically, and that he would rather see his State in the hands of such fair and honest republicans as Congressman Ewart, than have it egotized and annoyed as it now is by the present leaders of the republican party in that State.

The Senate in executive session to-day confirmed the nominations of the five appraisers of merchandise, recently made by the President under the customs administrative bill.

Mr. W. C. Blum, a 4th class clerk in the Interior Department, one of General Mahone's appointees, against whom charges of infraction of the civil service law have been preferred by the civil service commission, has been promoted to the place of chief of division in that department, the salary of which is \$2,000.

The House committee on rules determined to-day to continue the consideration of the land forfeiture bill, and when that is completed, to take up and complete, first the original package bill and then the bankruptcy bill. This will, of course, postpone the consideration of the Langstone-Venable contested election case at least until next week, and then, it now seems probable, something else will postpone that case longer.

The House committee on public buildings agreed to-day to report favorably on the bill for a public building at Fredericksburg, Virginia. But Mr. Speaker Reed says no more public building bills shall pass at this session, and what he says is law.

Congressman Cooper made an argument before the House committee on rules to-day in favor of allowing his resolution to investigate the charges against Commissioner Rann of the Pension Bureau to come before the House, but the committee decided against him.

The following changes were made in the fourth class post offices of Virginia to-day: Goldfield, Greensville county, G. W. Harrison, vice R. T. Pace, resigned; Carroll, Augusta county, J. C. Sneed, vice A. H. Wilson, removed.

## Congress.

The U. S. Senate yesterday spent most of the session on the irrigation clause of the civil sundry appropriation bill. In the House the bill appropriating \$636,189 for the employment of 636 additional clerks in the pension office led to a long debate, in which Mr. Reed's management of that office was severely criticized by several members on the republican side, but the bill passed. During the debate Mr. Egan, of Tennessee, said that before any increase of force was granted the Pension Bureau, it should be ascertained whether the charges brought against the present commissioner were true. It has been alleged in a resolution offered by Mr. Cooper, of Indiana, that the commissioner had changed the rulings of the department in the interest of a pension attorney of Washington. This had taken hundreds of thousands of dollars of the people's money and paid it to claimants who were not entitled to anything. It had been alleged that the Pension Office was corrupt from bottom to top. He himself believed that the office was reeking with corruption in every department.

J. D. Taylor, of Ohio, did not believe that any member had a right to make such infamous charges against an executive officer. If he were a man of courage he would make an affidavit.

Mr. Egan retorted that if the gentleman wanted to find out whether he (Egan) was a man of courage, all he had to do was to investigate the matter personally. He declared that every other department, bureau of the government, except the Pension Bureau, was conducted on business principles, and was open to investigation. About that bureau there appeared to be something sacred or something rotten, and in his opinion the reason that bureau had not been investigated was because of the rottenness which was known to be concealed.

Mr. Cooper, of Indiana, said that facts had come to his knowledge which substantiated the rumors which had been circulated in the newspapers respecting the commissioner of pensions. He was ready to prove before a competent committee that the charges were true. He expected to prove that the commissioner of pensions had outrageously sold out a ruling in behalf of a firm of pension attorneys in Washington.

A CLOUD-BURST.—A terrible thunder cloud burst over the Wyoming Valley, Pa., late yesterday afternoon, and in a few minutes every inch of lowland for miles around was covered with water. The rain came down in sheets, while the crash of thunder and the vivid blinding flash of lightning struck terror to the hearts of the timid. The streets in the lower portions of Wilkesbarre were flooded to a depth of six inches, every cellar on Canal street being flooded and thousands of dollars worth of goods damaged. Railroad washouts are numerous.

POSTMASTER GENERAL WANAMAKER has finally announced publicly that he will in no case recommend the appointment of a democrat unless it is clear that there is no republican to fill the office. And yet Mr. Wanamaker is an avowed supporter of the civil service law!

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Vice-President Morton and Mr. Blaine are spoken of as possible republican candidates for the Presidency.

Senator Carlisle estimates that if the pending federal election bill becomes a law it will require \$10,000,000 to put it in operation.

Dr. John Edwin Easell, of Brooklyn, yesterday attempted suicide while laboring under despondency caused by losses on horse races.

Yellow fever in a most violent form is raging in Havana. Fifty new cases are reported each day, and the foreign residents are leaving the city by hundreds.

For the first time since 1871 the Pope was seen outside the Vatican grounds yesterday. He drove to the house of the sculptor Aureli to inspect his statue of St. Thomas Aquinas.

The large seven-story warehouse of the Security Warehouse Company, at Minneapolis, Minn., was destroyed by fire yesterday, entailing a loss of nearly a million dollars. The fire is supposed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion.

A terrible hail and wind storm occurred Sunday night in the towns of Highland, Glasgow and Beyer, Minn., cutting crops to the ground clean. Farmers who had bought harvesting machinery and twine are bringing them back to the dealers, as they will have no use for them this season.

It is said that Senator Sherman, of Ohio, will retire from public life at the end of his present term—March 3, 1893—when he will be 70 years old. Senator Sherman has been in Congress more than thirty years, serving three decades already in the Senate. On the contrary it is said that Mr. Sherman is setting his triggers for the Presidential nomination in 1892.

A dispatch to the New York Star says it is accepted as a fact at the State Department that Mr. Blaine's retirement from an administration with whose policy he so radically disagreed will be announced just as soon as the McKinley bill passes and receives the President's signature. Secretary Blaine will probably make that the occasion to give full publicity to his reciprocal views in an emphatic manner, such as official restrictions now debar.

The republican Senatorial committee appointed by the caucus to prepare a rule to curtail debate has not relinquished its efforts to bring about the result for which it was selected, and the records of Congress are being examined for precedents. They have discovered that Stephen A. Douglas introduced a resolution in the Senate forty years ago to change the rules so as to permit the curtailment of general debate upon the demand of a majority of the Senate for the previous question. The proposition occasioned a long and spirited debate and was finally defeated.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

During the last fiscal year two hundred new post offices were established in Virginia.

The population of Richmond, according to the census enumeration, is about eighty thousand.

The Peabody Normal Institute began its session at Harrisonburg yesterday with an enrollment of about one hundred. Prof. George R. Pace, of Richmond, is in charge, with a full corps of assistants.

Carter Harrison and A. C. Justice have been appointed special agents of the census office, to make investigations into and enumerate the number and extent of the manufactures in Virginia. They will begin their work at once.

Mr. John F. Ryan, of London, says that in the event he is returned to the legislature he will not be a candidate for Speaker if Mr. Cardwell is not a member of the house. As Mr. C. is a candidate for Congress it is not likely he will consent to go back to the legislature even if he is not sent to Congress. Mr. Ryan is one of the best parliamentarians in the house.

The republicans of Augusta county held a convention yesterday for the reorganization of the party under the new rules adopted at the last general State convention. Wm. E. Craig, of Staunton, U. S. district attorney, a firm supporter of Mahone, and for several years the chairman of the county committee, was opposed for re-election. The opposition was led by S. Brown Allen, of the Internal Revenue Department, but he was signally defeated. Allen says: "I am done. This is a good jumping off place. I'll jump."

## A Terrible Explosion.

A terrible explosion occurred late yesterday afternoon at King's Powder Mills, on the Little Miami Railroad, twenty-five miles east of Cincinnati. Ten persons were killed and a score or more seriously injured. Two empty freight cars were being rolled on to a side track, where a car containing 500 kegs of gunpowder was standing. As the cars struck there was a terrible explosion, and immediately afterward another car containing 800 kegs of gunpowder exploded, making 1,300 kegs altogether. William Frauley, a brakeman, was standing on one of the empty cars when the explosion occurred. His body must have been blown to atoms, although no trace of it has yet been found. Five other persons, supposed to be employees of the powder company, were killed.

The King Powder Company has works on both sides of the river along the railroads. The explosion occurred on the south side and the destruction was enormous. There are a number of cottages occupied by workmen in the powder factory and situated close to the track. These were shattered by the explosion and their inmates injured. Twelve or fifteen girls at work in the cartridge factory were crippled by the explosion.

The railway station and the freight house belonging to the Little Miami Railroad, together with all the adjacent buildings, were set on fire and totally consumed. The havoc wrought by the explosion of the sixteen kegs of powder is dreadful. The track and tie of the railroad are fairly torn out of the ground, and a great hole is plowed in the ground.

The Peters cartridge factory was burned to the ground. Nothing but a mass of blackened, smouldering ruins remains to mark the spot where the building stood. At 9 o'clock last night it was stated that ten dead bodies had been taken from the ruins and thirty are known to be wounded.

## A Note from the Clouds.

(Correspondence of the ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.)  
MARSHALL, July 16.—Last evening about 7 o'clock Mr. C. D. Collins was in the rear of Mr. J. M. Ramey's store making an examination of some lumber, his attention was drawn to a small stone to which was attached a note tied with a string and which contained the following:  
"I, Prof. Raymond, the balloon ascensionist, passed over the place where this note falls Monday, July 14th, 6 p. m., 1,500 feet in air. Give notice to newspapers. I have no control over my air ship. The balloon is sailing due north."  
GEORGE RAYMOND.

This has been a matter of much comment with most persons since the note was found, and a great deal of speculation has been indulged in. Many regard the affair as a myth.



## Proceedings of Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 16  
SENATE.

Mr. Pasco, offered a resolution calling for information as to the arrest in Havana of A. J. Diaz, an American citizen and minister of the gospel.

Mr. Power offered a resolution (which was agreed to) calling on the Secretary of the Interior for information as to the personnel of the Geological survey, its duties, compensation, etc.

The resolution offered yesterday by Mr. Callom as to transportation of goods in bond between the Atlantic and the Pacific ports of the United States over the Canadian Pacific R. R. was taken up.

Mr. Washburn offered an amendment extending the scope of the inquiry to the Grand Trunk Railway. He intimated his suspicion that the object of the resolution was to make war upon the Canadian Pacific R. R.

Mr. Callom disclaimed having any such intention.

The resolution as amended was agreed to. A resolution to pay to the representatives of ex-Senators Johnston and Lewis, of Virginia, \$4,400 each for unpaid salary, from the time they were entitled to seats up to the time when they were sworn in, was reported and agreed to.

Mr. Payne offered a resolution (which was agreed to) calling on the President for information as to the expulsion from Guatemala of J. H. Hollander, a citizen of the United States.

The Senate bill to provide for the acquisition of land for a public building at Baltimore, Maryland, was taken from the calendar and passed. It appropriates \$300,000 for an additional plot of ground so as to make the government the owner of the entire square on which the custom house stands.

Mr. Teller introduced a bill giving a pension of \$2,000 a year to Mrs. Jesse Fremont.

Mr. Sawyer introduced a bill to establish a limited postal and telegraph service.

On motion of Mr. Hiseock the Senate at one o'clock proceeded to executive business.

When the doors were reopened the bill to establish a national military park at the battlefield of Chickamauga was passed.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill.

## HOUSE.

The journal having been read, Mr. Brackridge, of Kentucky, objected to its approval, and the yeas and nays were ordered on the question, "Shall the journal be approved?"

It was agreed to—yeas 158—nays 8. 120 members were announced as paired on this vote.

Mr. Owens, of Ohio, called attention to the colloquy which occurred yesterday between the gentlemen from Illinois and Tennessee (Cannon and Houk) during which he said in their anger they had told some truths which were entirely omitted from the record. He wanted to know whether the democrats could do the same thing.

The Speaker—The chair is unable to respond.

The House then went into committee of the whole (Mr. Peters, of Kansas, in the chair) on the land grant forfeiture bill.

## Funeral of Gen. Fremont

NEW YORK, July 16.—The remains of Major-General John C. Fremont were laid at rest this morning in Trinity Cemetery. Distinguished soldiers, citizens of prominence and men who had been lifelong friends of the deceased were among those who attended the funeral services in St. Ignatius church. Rev. Dr. Arthur Ritchie, pastor of the church, conducted the services. The pall-bearers were Gen. W. T. Sherman, Gen. O. O. Howard, Col. Floyd Clark, Mark D. Wilbur, Ex-Governor Rodman, L. Price, of New Jersey, ex-Gov. Richard C. McCormick, of Arizona (representing Rear-Admiral D. L. Braine); Wm. Colligan, James E. Neitman, Francis D. Clark and Major Geo. P. Elgar.

## Foreign News.

MUNICH, July 16, Princess Louise, eldest daughter of Prince Ferdinand of Orleans, has been betrothed to Prince Alphonse, of Bavaria.

COLOGNE, July 16.—The American fill-men left here this morning for Oberlohnstein.

PARIS, July 16.—An engagement has occurred between the natives and the French expedition to the upper Niger, and the French were routed. It is feared that the natives have blocked the line of retreat of the French. A later dispatch says there is no truth in the report.

ZURICH, July 16.—Gottfried Keller, the poet, died in this city yesterday.

## The Drought Broken.

BEARDSTOWN, Ill., July 16.—The scorching drought from which this section has been suffering for many weeks has at length been broken.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., July 16.—The drought in this locality was ended by a soaking rain yesterday. It was the first that had fallen here in 25 days, during all of which time the temperature had not been below 90 degrees.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 16.—Good rains fell in most parts of eastern Nebraska Monday night, and yesterday, and corn farmers are greatly encouraged.

## The World's Fair

PHILADELPHIA, July 16.—The sub-committee on permanent organization of the World's Fair Commission held its meeting this morning. The committee will hold daily meetings here for the next two weeks, to meet the gentlemen who were at the head of the centennial exhibition of 1876, and profit by their experience. The question of keeping the fair open on Sundays arose, and the committee was unanimous that the exhibition should remain open on Sundays.

## Railroad Accident.

BALTIMORE, July 16.—A freight train on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad ran into a stalled freight train on the same road last night near Harford station. D. A. Wendall, fireman, and W. L. Furr, brakeman, were killed. An engine and some cars were wrecked. The accident occurred during a fog.

## All Quiet in Barnwell.

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 16.—All is quiet in Barnwell to-day. The negroes have dispersed. No further disturbances have occurred up to five o'clock this morning. It is believed that no further trouble need be expected.

## Ohio Republican Convention.

CLEVELAND, O., July 16.—The republican State convention met this morning. At the conclusion of a short speech by Col. Binns, ex-Governor Foraker was introduced and delivered an address.

## Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—Professor James R. Soley this morning resigned his position in the navy and was appointed Assistant Secretary of the navy.

## Going to Cape May

WASHINGTON, July 16.—The President will leave Washington to-morrow evening for Cape May to remain until Monday unless he make a change in his present plans.

## Telegraphic Brevities.

The four big Minneapolis breweries have consolidated with a capital of \$1,000,000.

Norman Dunshee, professor of languages in Drake University, at Des Moines, Iowa, died yesterday.

Congressman Kerr was unanimously chosen chairman of the democratic State committee of Pennsylvania to-day.

The Cariboo, B. C., stage was stopped by highwaymen near Ashcroft last night. It is not known how much booty they secured.

Nineteen additional bodies have been pulled out of the water at Lake City, Minn., this morning and many of them were at once identified.

A conflict has occurred between riotous strikers and a body of troops in the nitrate district in Chili, in which forty of the strikers were killed or wounded.

Joseph Griffin, a Dyersburg, Tenn., farmer, yesterday shot and killed his farm hand, a man named Leggett, who entered his daughter's room and made her an indecent proposal.

The statement that two Canadian vessels which recently sailed out of Maple Bay were armed with guns and would resist the American revenue cutters, is again said to be without foundation.

The San Francisco chamber of commerce yesterday telegraphed the Pacific Coast delegation in Congress to use every honorable means to secure the passage of the Frye and Fairbank shipping bills.

Lieut. C. V. Donaldson, 24th U. S. Infantry, and Miss Lottie Spurgeon were drowned yesterday at a bathing resort near Santa Ana, Cal., while the lieutenant was endeavoring to rescue Miss Spurgeon who had gotten beyond her depth.

MARRIED IN THE COURT ROOM.—Yesterday evening W. L. Kibler, of Bentonville, Warren county, accompanied by Miss Emma McInturff, of Warrenton, entered the clerk's office in Washington, and asked for a marriage license which was promptly furnished, and without leaving the building they were married by Rev. E. D. Bailey, of the Civil Service Commission staff.

It is said that at least 15 republican Senators are opposed to prolonging the session simply to force the elections bill through.

## PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

Office of the City Gas Works,  
Rooms No. 3 and 5 Market Building,  
Alexandria, Va., July 9, 1890.  
Sealed proposals will be received at the above-named office until the 15th of July for FUEL FOR THE GAS WORKS WITH FIFTEEN HUNDRED TONS, more or less, of GAS COAL (2240 pounds to the ton), to be delivered in the sheds at the works and trimmed up. Candle power and yield to be stated. The committee reserve the right to reject any and all bids.  
By order of the Committee on Light.  
J. D. H. LUNT,  
J. ROXBURY, Supt.

## LOST.

STAYED OR STOLEN.—On Sunday night, a BLAZE-FACE MARE, 3½ years old; two front feet and one hind foot white. A suitable reward will be paid for information that will lead to her recovery.  
Mrs. SARAH WATERS,  
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## OFFICIAL.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Pursuant to the call of the Mayor, a meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held July 15, 1890. There were present: Wm. H. Stanley, Mayor, President, and Messrs. Lindsey, Burke, Hinken, Thompson and McKenzie.

The following were referred to the Committee on Streets:

Resolved, That the crossing from the east to the west side of King street at the intersection of St. Asaph and Wolfe streets be raised and the gutter repaired, if in the opinion of the Committee on Streets the same be necessary, and authority is granted said committee to have the work done.

Also a communication from M. B. Harlow, representing the property owners on Alfred street between Cameron and King, requesting the passage of an ordinance for the repairing of the carriage way on said street between the streets named.

The following were received from the Common Council and their action concurred in: viz: The resignation of Dr. Thomas Gibson, as Physician to the Poor; also the petition of J. D. H. Lunt for reelecting the curb and turning the grade for the street from the Mayor and Council, on Fayette street, between King and Cameron.

The following was adopted:

Resolved by the City Council, That the City Surveyor be authorized to give the Washington Southern Railway Company a legalized grade on Fayette street, so as to conform with improved street, received from the City Council, and the above referred to the Committee on Streets, who shall report the same at the next regular meeting.

The petition to repair the curbs at the corner of Lee and Wilkes and the corner of Madison and Washington streets, received from the Common Council, was amended to read "that the cost shall not exceed \$20 for each pump."

The following were adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Police be requested to inquire into the advisability of having the police force of the city selected by a Board of Police Commissioners instead of by the Council as at present; said Police Commissioners to be nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council, and said committee to make a report to Council at the second regular meeting in November, with such recommendations as they deem proper.

The resolution to abate the nuisance on the lot bounded on the east by Royal street and on the north by Princess street; also the resolution for a satisfactory street, received from the Common Council, were received from the Common Council and their action concurred in.

The board then adjourned.

Teste: M. P. VINCENT, Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

At a special meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alexandria, Va., held on the 15th day of July, 1890, there were present: John T. Swearingen, Mayor, President, and Messrs. Atchison, Snowdon, Fisher, Callahan, Davis, Strickland, French, Smead, H. Smead and Uhler.

The Clerk being absent, Mr. C. C. Carlin was elected Clerk pro tem.

A communication from Mayor Downing returning the reference of Council to the Mayor, Auditor and Treasurer of the electric light system was received and considered, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the Mayor, Auditor and Treasurer execute the requisite notes, as per report of the Finance Committee, in settlement with the Schuyler Electric Company for the \$14,000 due on the contract made with it by the City Council, and the City Clerk be and he is authorized to execute the same, when the said company shall give security for the furnishing within thirty days of the lights now due the city under the contract, and the Auditor is ordered to issue his warrant in favor of said company or its attorney for \$500. Provided, however, There shall be retained by the Auditor a sufficient number of said notes to protect the city against the suits and attachments now pending in the Corporation and Circuit Courts against said company.

The Mayor also called attention to the resignation of Dr. O'Brien as Health Officer and of two Physicians to the Poor, Doctors O'Brien and Ashby, and requested the filling of the vacancies. He also announced the suspension of Policeman H. H. Allen, called attention to the suit and attachment to the Market House, and suggested that the laws relating to public bathing be so changed as to prevent such bathing in the river between Wolfe and Princess streets.

The resignation of Dr. Thomas Gibson as Physician to the Poor was received and accepted.

The petition of J. D. H. Lunt to have the grade of the square on Fayette street, between Cameron and King, ascertained and the curb and gutter repaired, if in the opinion of the Committee on Streets.

The petition of property owners to have the pumps repaired at the corner of Lee and Wilkes streets and at the corner of Madison and Washington streets, was granted, with an amendment from the Board of Aldermen providing that the cost shall not exceed \$20 each.

A resolution, introduced by Mr. Fisher, to have the nuisance abated on the lot bounded on the east by Royal street and on the north by Princess street, was adopted with the provision that the cost should not exceed \$50.

A resolution was received from the Board of Aldermen and concurred in providing that the Committee on Police be requested to inquire into the advisability of having the police force of the city selected by a Board of Commissioners instead of by the City Council, as at present; also a resolution in reference to the crossing at the intersection of Wolfe and St. Asaph streets; also a resolution that the City Surveyor be authorized to give a legalized grade on Fayette street.

A petition of residents of Alfred street, between Cameron and King, to have the square paved was referred to the Committee on Streets.

The board then adjourned.

Teste: C. C. CARLIN, Clerk pro tem.

## EXCURSIONS.

EVENING EXCURSION

OF THE

Alexandria Musical Association

TO RIVER VIEW,

ON THE STEAMER SAMUEL J. PENTZ.